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Applicants:

**AGUZZI et al.**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003 in which claims 1-11 were subjected to a three-way restriction requirement. In response to the request, Applicants elect Group II (claims 1-11). This response is timely filed as a petition for a one month extension of time to November 16, 2003 is enclosed herewith.

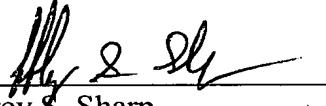
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